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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PROPOSED US AMENDMENTS TO CHILE
RESOLUTION

REF: A. HEWITT-TYSON TELECON OF NOV. 8. B. STATE 284664

1. ON BASIS OF LANGUAGE DICTATED BY TELEPHONE NOVEMBER 28,
MISSOFF DISTRIBUTED TO CO-SPONSORS OF CHILE RES THE
DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED LANGUAGE THAT SAME EVENING, TO
ENABLE CO-SPONSORS TO PREPARE FOR MEETING THE NEXT MORNING.
THE MEETING CONVENED AT 10:30 NOVEMBER 29 WITH SWEDEN
(CHAIR), US, UK, MEXICO, PORTUGAL, CUBA, HOLLAND, AND
ITALY REPRESENTED (ABOUT HALF THE CO-SPONSORS WERE ABSENT).
THE US WAS REPRESENTED BY MISSOFFS TYSON AND KRIENDLER.

2. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:
VAN BOVEN (DIRECTOR, UN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION) PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS (POUCHED NOV 28 TO HEWITT), PROPOSED US
AMENDMENTS, HOW TO TREAT POSSIBLE FLOOR AMENDMENTS, AND
WHO SHOULD PRESENT THE RESOLUTION.

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3. ALMOST ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT ARGUED THAT THEY
DID NOT HAVE TIME, GIVEN THE THIRD COMMITTEE SCHEDULE,
TO GO BACK TO THEIR CAPITALS FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON
SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS, AND THAT ANY DELAY WOULD MEAN
A CONSIDERABLE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL
CO-SPONSORS (THERE WERE 42 LAST YEAR), WHICH WOULD BE
CITED AS EVIDENCE OF DIMINISHED SUPPORT FOR THE RES BY

THE GOC. THE US AMENDMENTS WERE SEEN AS SUBSTANTIVE, RAISING ISSUES AGAIN THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED REPEATEDLY AND A LENGTH OVER THE PAST FOUR WEEKS. THE CLEAR CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP WAS THAT NO AMENDMENT OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS LATE DATE. IT WAS STATED THAT SUCH SUBSTANTIVE SWITCH WOULD LOSE SOME CO-SPONSORS, AND CREATE CONFUSION IN THE COMMITTEE. THE CHAIRMAN AND A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS (UK, ITALY, CUBA) EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO U.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP AND THEIR HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

4. MISOFF ARGUED AT LENGTH IN FAVOR OF US AMENDMENTS NOTING INTER ALIA THAT THE PRESENT LANGUAGE DOES NOT REPRESENT ADEQUATELY THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE ALLANA REPORT, NOR LATER EVENTS THAT UNLESS GOC EFFORTS ARE ACKNOWLEDGED IT COULD CEASE ANY COOPERATION. ALSO, THE RESOLUTION WILL BE VULNERABLE UNLESS THESE DEFECTS ARE OVERCOME. UK SUGGESTED THAT THERE IS TALK OF A POSSIBLE FLOOR AMENDMENT USING SOME OF THE ALLANA REPORT LANGUAGE, WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT ANY SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS AT THIS LATE DATE MIGHT VERY WELL BREAK THE NEGOTIATING SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND UNITY THAT HAS ENABLED SEVEN OF THE EC-9 TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION, AND AN EIGHTH (FRG) TO VOTE IN FAVOR. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED STRONG

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OPPOSITION TO SOME OF THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED LANGUAGE WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE DESPITE PERSISTENT AND REPEATED EFFORTS. MISOFF (IN THE ABSENCE OF TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS) PROMISED TO GET BACK WITH A REPLY IN A COUPLE OF HOURS.

5. THE CO-SPONSORS AGREED THAT NO FLOOR AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED THAT SWEDEN SHOULD PRESENT THE RESOLUTION, IN SPITE OF A STRONG UK INTEREST IN PRESENTING IT.

6. SIXTEEN NATIONS (AUSTRIA, MEXICO, NORWAY, ICELAND, FINLAND, DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, UNITED KINGDOM, BELGIUM, ITALY, IRELAND, LUXEMBOURG, CUBA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ALGERIA) SIGNED THE RESOLUTION AS CO-SPONSORS ON NOV. 29. MISOFF SIGNED US AS CO-SPONSOR MORNING OF NOV. 30, AND RESOLUTION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS OFFICIAL UN DOCUMENT DEC 1, WITH VOTE EXPECTED MONDAY, DEC 5.

7. USUN IS DRAFTING A BRIEF STATEMENT TO MAKE THE POINTS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS, WHICH WE WILL SEND TO DEPARTMENT

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